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SPICES.—The imports of the week are 3,300 quarters of pepper, 1,000 of nutmegs and 1,000 of cloves. Pepper continues limited, at former prices, in cargoes, to arrive, there has been more activity, several sales have been effected, at 10s. 6d. to 11s. 6d. per 100 lbs. of cargo, varying from 64s. 6d. up to 67s., the latter rate demand for fine descriptions, at a distance.

PEPPER.—The market for pepper is dull, the 2d. cargo spot; for future months 58s. is now demanded. Bago-Brown very scarce, has fetched 54s. Refined, is sold at 56s. 6d. for the next 3 months sales have been effected 40s. Fish intestine.

RICE.—1,500 bags for Java sold from 11s. 6d. for middling quality, 10s. 6d. for 1st quality, 9s. 6d. for 2d. quality. Rice from Bata, to arrive, has been taken at 11s. 6d. for 1st quality is dull.

TOBACCO.—No market.

SATINETS is dull. Of 5,540 bags put up publicly, on a very small portion was sold at 23s. 6d. a bag, for 900 bags were sold at 24s. 6d. the greater part being bought at fully those rates.

SPERM.—Little done. Cask 224 lbs. a 25s on 200 lbs.

SHIRAZ.—3,750 bags black pepper, about two thirds sold at 4½d. a 4½d. for fair quality, the remainder at 4½d. to 4½d. for 1st quality, 4½d. for 2d. quality, 4½d. for 3d. quality, 4½d. for 4th quality, 4½d. for 5th quality, 4½d. for 6th quality, 4½d. for 7th quality, 4½d. for 8th quality, 4½d. for 9th quality, 4½d. for 10th quality, 4½d. for 11th quality, 4½d. for 12th quality, 4½d. for 13th quality, 4½d. for 14th quality, 4½d. for 15th quality, 4½d. for 16th quality, 4½d. for 17th quality, 4½d. for 18th quality, 4½d. for 19th quality, 4½d. for 20th quality, 4½d. for 21st quality, 4½d. for 22nd quality, 4½d. for 23rd quality, 4½d. for 24th quality, 4½d. for 25th quality, 4½d. for 26th quality, 4½d. for 27th quality, 4½d. for 28th quality, 4½d. for 29th quality, 4½d. for 30th quality, 4½d. for 31st quality, 4½d. for 32nd quality, 4½d. for 33rd quality, 4½d. for 34th quality, 4½d. for 35th quality, 4½d. for 36th quality, 4½d. for 37th quality, 4½d. for 38th quality, 4½d. for 39th quality, 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**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

Of owners of property in West street against flagging that street; petition from the Directors of the City Hospital asking for the use of Croton water; against removal of the fire alarm bell at Harlem; for a public street from West 87th ward; for a sewer in Leavenworth street from Walker & Horner; for a sewer in Forsythe street from Walker & Horner. A petition for a donation to the society for the Relief of Poor Widows; petition from Edward Smith, to be remunerated for injuries received by him in the discharge of his duties as fireman; of inhabitants of the Twenty-first ward, to have the new City Hall erected in Madison square; several parties for alterations of grade in various streets; of the owners of the East river side of Horse Company No. 55, for remuneration for work expended.

**BRIEF FOR THE POOR.**

Councilman COLMAN offered a resolution to appropriate \$600 to each ward in the city having a registration office of the poor, and that the Commissioners of the city be directed to cause to be printed and distributed in favor of the Treasurer of each of said Ward Relief associations. Referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Councilman WATKINS offered a resolution that the Councilman WINSTON offer a resolution that the Finance Committee make inquiries as to the feasibility of purchasing a lot of land near the East river

that plant, referring to the city the right of such persons to be heard in the first case, and the second referred to Congress on Finance.

THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN RELATION TO WAREHOUSES. The subject was taken up by the committee on the 1,650 copies of the laws of the State in relation to the city of New York, compiled by Henry E. Davies, and the committee reported that they were of the opinion that a copyright be taken out in the name of the Corporation, and that the publishers have permission to print 500 copies.

A resolution authorizing the Common Council, the Mayor and other officers to be furnished with a copy of the laws of the State in relation to warehouses, and rivers, was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

WANT OF LIGHT.

THE gas lamps being out of order, it was difficult to see. Councilmen Jackson offered a resolution directing the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies to cause the lamps to be changed in order to be better lighted in future. It was referred to the Committee.

A NEW MEMBER.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON moved that Mr. John Baile be elected as a temporary member of the Board of the Fourth ward, take his seat at this Board. Carried. Mr. Baile thereupon took his seat.

THE FIFTH WARD.

THE report of the special committee to whom was referred the memorial claiming the seat of the Fifth ward, was taken up, and the following was read:

Your committee cannot, however, abstain from expressing their disapprobation of the practice adopted by the Fifth ward of electing a special committee to sit there during the past two years. Those practices, according to their own sworn testimony, have

After the necessary path to voters who challenged the  
 results of the election was made, the committee turned  
 their hands upon the pamphlet containing "Practice  
 directions for holding elections. As, besides some  
 directions for the proper use of the ballot box, it was  
 allowing another citizen to take their place, which last  
 is expressly contrary to the statute. This alone  
 was reprehensible; all more so, and they should not  
 be suffered to exist if we wish to have a free and  
 true and honest expression of the popular voice,  
 and to have the ballot box under the high judicial authority  
 of a court of law. It is a long time since we have  
 had an oath so taken in holding an election as this  
 Bill; yet it is the option of your committee that such  
 a free construction of an express statute  
 enactment is not to be made, and that the  
 law, as it is, should prevail, it is pregnant with  
 danger to the purity of the ballot box, to the institution  
 of the rights of the citizen, and to the moral  
 morals of the people, and lessen their respect for  
 those good and wise statutes that have been enacted for  
 the protection of the rights of the citizen. Your  
 committee arrive at the following result, viz:—  
 Number of votes officially returned for Bernard Gafney..... 30  
 Add votes rejected by inspectors of Eighth election  
 district.....  
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 Whole number of votes for Bernard Gafney..... 30  
 Number of votes officially returned for Michael  
 P. Gaffney..... 30  
 Indefinite vote of William J. Gaffney, a non-resident  
 of ward and district.....  
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 Whole number of votes for Michael Smith..... 30

Majority Bernard Gafney, two votes over the next highest candidate. Your committee respectfully asks that you be re-elected.

Resolved, that Bernard Gafney be, and he is, here appointed to his seat in this Board, to represent the Fifth City of New York, in the City of New York, having a plurality of two votes over the next highest candidate, at the election held on 7th November last.

There was additional business, including the presentation papers and routine business, the Board adjourned to Monday next at 8 o'clock.

County of Common Pleas,  
Before Hon. Judge Woods.

**ACTION AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY.**

The *R. & T. Co. vs. the Hudson River Railroad Co.*—This case was tried before Judge Williams on 23rd October inst. It was an action for damages. The jury did not agree. It was an action for damages, do the plaintiff by the defendants care. It appears that the plaintiff was going up eleven's arena with his horse and cart, and the defendants' care was not taken, he backed against him and broke his leg. Verdict for plaintiff, \$1,200. The Court allowed an addition of 50 p.